Coalfields Limited (W.C.L.) at the end of August, 1990 were at the level of 2.79 million tonnes.

(b) and (c) Due to continuing strike and prolonged stoppage of work in a number of mines of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL), coal supplies to core sector consumers like power plants linked to SCCL were seriously affected.

In order to deal with the situation arising from lower despatches of coal from SCCL mines WCL was called upon to augment rail despatches from collieries of Wardha coalfield to affected units. As such, restrictions had to be imposed on road despatches from Wardha coalfield areas from 1st Oct., 1990. These restrictions were partly relaxed from middle of October, 1990 and were totally withdrawn from 27th October, 1990.

(d) & (e) It has been reported that during the visit of the Hon'ble Member of the Sub Committee of the Consultative Committee of Parliament of the Ministry of Energy, some of the local consumers had represented against short supply of coal by road. Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Western Coalfields Limited had informed that the restrictions had been lifted and full supply had been restored.

(f) In view of above question of CBI inquiry in the matter does not arise.

**Import and production of Cefotaxin, Ceftazidine**

468. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ceftotaxin, Ceftazidine and several other drugs worth crores of rupees are being imported by multinationals from their principals;

(b) if so, what are the names of drugs being imported by multinationals from their principals and what was the import of each during the last three years, yearwise in quantity and value;

(c) what are the names of such imported drugs which are exempted from price control;

(d) what are the names of these imported drugs for which his Ministry has granted permission for production in the country from basic stages and when was each permission granted; and

(e) what was the production of each such drug during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Ceftazidine is being imported in finished form by M/s. Glaxo Labs. from their principals. There are a number of importers of the bulk drug Cefotaxim.

(b) Imports of drugs by multinationals from their principals presently, are not being monitored.

(c) Standing Committee is already reviewing the list of bulk drugs which are outside price control at present, including imported drugs.

(d) and (e) Letters of intent for the production of bulk drug Cefotaxin Sodium from imported 7 ACA and for production of formulations by importing the bulk drug have been granted. Production of bulk drug is yet to commence in the country.

**Production of sulphur and Amonia**

469. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whethre Government have assessed the long-term implications of Gulf crisis on supplies of sulphur and amonia;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to augument supplies on long-term basis;

(c) whether domestic units having surplus amonia capacity will be allowed to supply amonia to local units on deemed export basis; and

(d) whether Indian companies will be allowed to go in for production of sulphur in supplier countries like Canada on cost basis to soften the long-term implications of Gulf crisis on our domes-